

**Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**29th September 2019**



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### THE DEEP END



#### **The Rich Man and Lazarus**

The Rich Man and Lazarus is a powerful story reminding us that we are called to live our faith in our daily lives through generosity towards the poor and in working towards justice in our world. We do this in a variety of ways and we can see the goodness around us in those who are living examples of the Christian message. We are now called to listen urgently to the cry of the earth and to reflect on the injustices caused by the climate crisis. Millions of people are suffering worldwide through drought, sea-level rise and a breakdown of the earth's ecological systems.

Joanna Sustento lives in Tacloban city, Philippines. On 8 November 2013 she lost her parents, her brother, her sister-in-law and 3-year-old nephew in the storm surge of Typhoon Haiyan. This storm was the largest to make landfall in recorded history, with wind speeds of over 300km per hour. 10,000 people perished in two hours. Joanna's story is one of thousands. The strength of Typhoon Haiyan is attributed to climate change. It is an injustice that those who have done the least to cause this problem are on the frontline. The governments of the world must act. They will only do so if the public demand it. We have a responsibility to ensure they do so. We are at a crossroads as a global community and we have the solutions. Let us go forward together to a more sustainable future and listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

'Christians need an 'an ecological conversion,' whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.' (*Laudato Si'*, 217)

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**Weekly Collection: \$1,431.30**



#### **NEW SIGNAGE**

Visitors to the Stokes Valley site will notice the new signage in front of St Francis Church there, displaying the Parish's name, logo and updating the Mass times and contact details. Thanks to Judy, Terry and TC Signs for the work done to design, create and install the new livery. A matching sign is intended to be installed at Heretaunga when settled weather allows painting over of the existing sign.



## IN THE PARISH

1 <sup>st</sup> October	5:30 pm	Men's Group Gathering at S/stream Bowling Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	1:30 pm	CWL Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> October		<b>NO EXPOSITION AS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>
	6:00 pm	O'Leary PFG Group Mass & Meal - Pettit Centre
5 <sup>th</sup> October	2:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship – Pettit Centre

COMING  
UP

### CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY REVIEW

Along with the newsletter this week also available is the outcome of the Steering Committee's work summarising the option before the Parish as requested by the Cardinal's Directive to review **WHAT WE NEED** in terms of churches and presbyteries to move forward in the mission of Jesus Christ. Parishioners are encouraged to take this document, (also available on our webpage [www.olv.org.nz](http://www.olv.org.nz) and prayerful consider the options put forward. Once this has been done please forward back to the Parish Office your responses by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** by the various methods suggested in the overview. The results of these responses will be presented back to the Parish before the submission is made to the Cardinal. **PLEASE! PLEASE!** The Parish Council wants to know what you think; what you see as a way forward for us as a Parish serving the future mission of the Gospel and what we will **need** to be effective.



### PARISH QUIZ EVENING TICKET SALES

Due to popular demand we have organised another Parish Quiz evening. The date has been set for the Friday 18 October 2019 at the St. Brendan's School Hall. It's time to start planning and get a team together so book this date into your calendar. Tickets (\$10 per person and tables of up to 8 people) for the **Parish Quiz Evening** are now on sale and available at Mass services or from:

Chris Wasson 528 7847

Trish Leahy 528 5161

Mike Dench 0211233211.

We have three raffles on sale up until the Friday 18 October 2019. The prizes are:

- Two nights' accommodation at the **B&B Martinborough Experience** value around \$300
- 2 X grocery hampers

We are still looking for support from the Parish for items that would be suitable for raffle prizes, such as: scratchies, groceries, jams, or wine. If you can help out and support us, please contact either Chris Wasson or Mike Dench.

### MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. enquires call Roger Wasson on 528 7847



MEN'S GROUP

### O'LEARY PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

A reminder for all members of our Passionist Family Group that our gathering for October is this Friday on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the Pettit Centre. It will begin with a House Mass followed by pizza and desserts.





**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with two Introductory/Welcome sessions> These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. **The Introductory Sessions are**

**on Wednesday the 23<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm** in the Meeting Room of Our Lady of Grace Church **in Heretaunga**. This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program please join us on the 30th August or phone: Fr Tony 972 4282 or Liz McCaul 527 3211

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP LADIES GATHERING



All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 5 October for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2:00 – 4:00 pm. We will be sharing stories, poems or a picture of your favourite flower, or an actual flower. As usual we will be continuing our book swap table if you have books to spare that someone else can get some enjoyment from. If you need transport, please ring Melinda

on 234 1271.

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: “New to our Parish?” so we can put you on the Parish roll.

We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email [office@olov.org.nz](mailto:office@olov.org.nz)



### SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

If you missed out on the initial workshops held to show us how we can make our churches and Parish a safer place for vulnerable people, additional catch up sessions are available at the Catholic Centre, 22 Hill Street, Thorndon. Dates and times are:

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 12:00 noon*

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 7:00 pm*

You are required to attend safeguarding workshops if you work within the Parish with children or young people, or adults who are vulnerable. **For bookings to attend one of these sessions, or to access via Zoom conference please contact the Parish Office 972 4282**



### HOSPITALITY AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Did you know that on Sundays after 8:30am Mass in front of the Church **OVERFLOW** (our Parish Youth Group) provide morning tea for all parishioners? Tea, coffee and a light snack are offered to encourage people to stay and chat.

## FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This Sunday at **8:30am Mass at ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH** we will be celebrating mass in commemoration of St Vincent de Paul. Members, associates, past members and supporters of our society are all welcomed. Please join us for a cup of tea after Mass.



### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: [office@olov.org.nz](mailto:office@olov.org.nz)

## ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

6.00pm-7.30pm Wednesday 2nd October at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. John Howell will present a comparison of two approaches to the moral basis for the climate change challenge, using the work of:

- “Economics for the Common Good” by Jean Tirole (Winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics) Princeton 2017
- “The Righteous Mind – why good people are divided by politics and religion” by Jonathan Haidt. Allen Lane 2012



This will be followed by a discussion of climate change as a wicked problem. All welcome.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including, Campbell Deforges, Pio Ioane, Anthony Southall, Fautino Manase, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time including.?????. May they rest in peace.

### Our Lady of Grace Church 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga

**Mass Times Sunday–10:30am**

**Weekdays** Wed, Sat 9:00 am Mass, Fri 9:30 am Mass

**Reconciliation** – Please ring for an appointment

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday (during school terms) 10.00am –6:00pm

### St Francis Xavier Church 152 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley

**Mass Times Weekends 5:30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 8:30am (Sunday)**

**Samoan Community Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11:30 am**

**Weekdays–** Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, Sat 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

**Reconciliation** Please ring for an appointment

#### **St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga**

Terry 528 6313

Petone Shop 568 6408

#### **St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley**

Gordon 938 2750

Stokes Valley Shop 563 9278

26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
29th September – 26 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time		6th October – 27 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Amos 8: 4-7	First Reading	Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2: 2-4
Second Reading	1Timothy 2: 1-8	Second Reading	2Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
Gospel	Luke 16: 1-13	Gospel	Luke 17: 5-10